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US evangelist Billy Graham hospitalized

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Reverend Billy Graham was hospitalized yesterday for possible pneumonia, the facility treating the 93-year-old internationally renowned evangelist said.

"He was admitted this afternoon," a spokeswoman for Mission Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina told AFP.

The hospital said in a statement that he was admitted "for evaluation and treatment of his lungs," and that he was in stable condition and was "alert,

smiling and waving at hospital staff."

"The pulmonologist treating Mr Graham, Mark Hellreich, MD, said that Mr Graham is being tested for possible pneumonia," according to the hospital.

The reverend -- a Southern Baptist preacher who rose to become spiritual advisor to millions of American television viewers and several US presidents -- was previously hospitalized for successful treatment of pneumonia last May.

Lagolites unite!



Lago High School Graduating Class of 66

There are certain vernacular terms unique to every nation, Aruba has its share, but one of those is the label "**Lagolite**." One may reasonably wonder what this describes; it is a term for the hundreds of youngsters born and raised on Aruba in the Lago Colony, anywhere from 1930 to the closing of the refinery in 1985.

Another distinction of this adjective is they also graduated from the Lago Colony High, and the Class of '66 is now on Aruba, again enjoying a sojourn on the island that will always hold a special place in their hearts. "You really have no idea what a singular bond it is for us, growing up on Aruba in the Lago Colony," expressed one of the 14 Lagolite classmates.

A conversation with the group is a fascinating experience; as Baby Boomers they recall an Aruba that is radically different from what greets visitors now. "This is what shocks us most upon our return," they expressed,

"the island is so green now. When we lived here it was just one big cactus patch. The colony is so overgrown, and more than half the structures we lived with are gone."

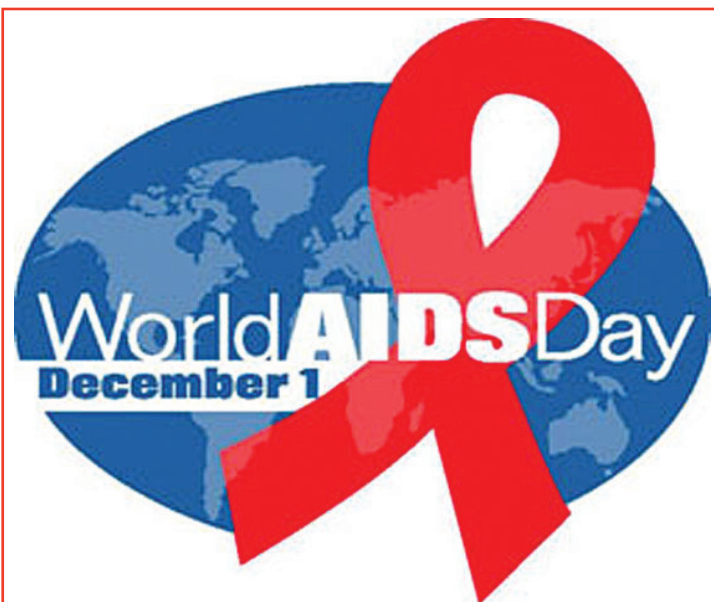
As youngsters they witnessed the opening of the first major resort, The Aruba Caribbean, which they all referred to as "the new place," but is now, more than 50 years later, considered the "Grand Dame of Palm Beach."

They reminisce on their excitement at the first jets

ever landing on Aruba. "We used to run out of our classrooms to watch them pass overhead," recalls Mary Swartz-Sinker, "this use to really distress our teacher, Ms. Gallicani."

"The jets heralded a change in lifestyle for all of us," comments another. "Traveling back to family became less of a chore; prior to that it was an all-day or two-day undertaking just to get almost anywhere."

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Santa Rosa plans last public Market Day for the year

PIEDRA PLAT -- Preparations for the highly favored Santa Rosa Market Day is in full swing, and on Saturday, December 3rd, they will open their gates to the general public for the last time this year from 9:00 in the morning until 1:00 in the afternoon.

The Santa Rosa Market Day began 6 months ago as a small event but has grown into an activity where the entire Aruban community can come and purchase fresh vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, trees and many other things in a pleasant open air ambience at the Santa Rosa complex.

On Saturday they will have stands with goat meat, meat, pork, and fresh fish at special prices. There will also be lots of fresh cow and goat milk, honey, pears, bananas, limes, soursap, mangoes, hot peppers, seasoned fish, cucumbers and tomatoes. Natural aloe products and other organic remedies for ones health will be plentiful.

Food stands will be replete with luscious Aruban food for all those desiring a free day from cooking...you will find papaya stoba (stewed Papaya), stewed goat meat, fried fish, Johnny Cakes, and of course, a variety of mouth watering bakeries. For the sweet tooth there will be an assortment of cakes, coconut tarts, coconut water, and raspao for the chil-

dren. For the hamburger and hot dog lovers, they will find those there too. There will also be an assortment of fresh juices to quench everyone's thirst. Farmers and those who raise animals who would like to sell their fresh produce should contact Santa Rosa so they too can add to the open house market.

Santa Rosa takes this opportunity to invite the general public for their December 10th festive Christmas celebration which will also be the celebration of Santa Rosa's 35th anniversary and the close of the year 2011. Come and enjoy the evening with the Santa Rosa family. This festive night will be replete with music from different Gaita and Aguinaldo Groups, a presentation of a manger scene illustrating the birth of Jesus. And, of course, our traditional Christmas dishes prepared with our own local produce from our farmers and fishermen. More information about this activity will be forthcoming in the next few days.

We remind the general public to plan now to attend this year's final open Market Day this Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 in the morning to 1:00 in the afternoon. And, be sure to mark the 10th on your calendar for the final festive activity of the year at Santa Rosa.

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Former Antillean Islands pledge to continue working together



This past week, Aruba Prime Minister, Mike Eman met with Curaçao Prime Minister Gerrit Schotte. They decided to create two commissions to work on the platform of cooperation and working together of the former Antillean islands. The commissions, one to work on legal aspects, and the other on strategic plans would delineate how the islands will continue to support each other and work together.

Last Monday, Aruba, Curaçao and St. Maarten, during the second Arikok encounter, signed the agreement for the creation of the two commissions.

The government of Aruba believes that this type of interchange at the Prime Minister's level is of utmost importance for the creation of a platform for better cooperation between the islands that were once a part of the Antillean Constellation who now have their own Apart Status. Holland applauds this initiative from Aruba...a new approach for working together rather than a distancing from each other.

The first commission created will begin its work immediately, to investigate what are the judicial consequences of the introduction of the au-

of a better quality of life and welfare for the citizens of the islands.

Both commissions are also charged with exploring how the cooperation with the European Union will continue after December 31, 2013.

In last Monday's meeting they also discussed the agenda for the upcoming Dutch Kingdom Conference to be held here on the 14th of December.

These are the persons who will be members of the two commissions representing the three islands:

St. Maarten: Hensley Plantijn, the judicial commission; Rafael Boasman, judicial commission; Khalilah Peters, strategic commission; Leo Chance, strategic commission

Aruba: Antonito Croes, judicial commission; Carlyle De Coteau, strategic commission; Indra Duarte, judicial commission; Esther Willems, strategic commission.

Curaçao: Chester Peterson and Douwe Boersma, judicial commission, Reginald Francisca and Ann Groot-Philipps, strategic commission.



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The honorees are Mr. John and Mrs. Kathleen Trumpaitis, Mr. Willem Goedegebuure and Mr. Royal Kissing and his daughter Mrs. Pam Kissing. They all received the Ambassador of Goodwill certificates for their more than 20 consecutive visit to our island.

Mr. Ross and Mrs. Melinda Gubiotti received the Distinguished Visitor of Aruba certificate for their more than 10 consecutive year vacationing here.

The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Deborah Dintleman, Resort Manager, and Mr. Narshel Gibbs, Front office Manager. (see photo)



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Lagolites unite!



Martin Dimmock, Hans Wagemaker and Yoke Waasdorp

Most of this class of '66 resides in the U.S. but some have traveled from England and Holland to attend the reunion, like Martin Dimmock and Yoke Waasdorp; Dr. Hans Wagemaker came all the way from New Zealand. His grandfather, Isaac, was a governor of the Netherlands Antilles by appoint of the monarch at the time; there is a street in San Nicolas that bears his named, the Isaac Wagemakerstraat in San Nicolas.

"Growing up on Aruba was such an adventure, with friends from all sorts of cultures," remarks one of the group, "we had our own after-school society and rituals, exploring the environs of the southeast point." The colony is where can be found the entrance to what was the deepest cave in the Netherlands Antilles, when Aruba was a part of that union of islands. This was their playground as youngsters, accessing it by climbing down an

ancient tree that still stands, "our parents would probably have had a heart attack if they had known," observes another. "We had a hierarchy; the boys were the hunters, bringing back iguanas and snakes, the girls were the foragers. A favorite spot was Bachelors Beach, named for the residence the refinery had there for all the single men. However, we all called it BA Beach, for "Bare Assed" because that is where all the U.S. troops liked to go skinny dipping while they were stationed here."

Some of the changes in Aruba dismay them, such as the proliferation of stray dogs they had never seen previously, so a number have adopted several and are taking them back home with them. "We have always liked those cunucu dogs, they have very unique personalities."

The Class of '66 very much enjoyed sharing their memories with THE MORNING NEWS, almost as much as we enjoyed hearing them. We thank, along with those already mentioned, Susan Rosborough-Dennis, Lyn Miller-Taecker, Margie de Ruyter-Connell, Kathy Farrell, Dr. Kitty, Eeltink, Stephen Dodge, Elizabeth van Ogtrop-Bean, Matt Farrell, Laurie Freundel-Rockwell and John Turner for a delightful morning of living history!

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Sinterklaas surprises the elderly with gifts and sweets at Maris Stella

Last Thursday, Sinterklaas and two of his lively bunch of Black Peters came to visit Maris Stella, the home for senior citizens in Savaneta. He brought gifts and sweets and, of course, loads of 'pepernoten'. Welcomed by manager Flora de Bie and her great crew, the Sint then proceeded to visit the bedridden clients before he sat down to look in his big book to see who had been good and who had been bad this past year. Surprisingly, all of the clients had been very, very good, so they all received presents and words of praise from the holy man from Spain, who came to Aruba to celebrate his birthday on December 5.

At Maris Stella renovations were going on, so the people of one wing had been moved to San Pedro Paviljoen in Oranjestad for the time being. Fortunately, they were invited to come and celebrate Sinterklaas' birthday at Maris Stella, so they came too, a bit late but never mind. The upgrading and renovations of the home for the elderly will take until mid 2012; Sinterklaas will be in for a big surprise next year!

One of the two Black Peters (Zwarte Pieten) was caught as a thief of the presents, but he apologized and he was duly reinstated as the Sint's helper. It was all a misunderstanding, it seemed, and festivities went on



as planned. The senior citizens greatly enjoyed the annual visit of this very special, kind, very old gentleman from Spain, as photos clearly show. The Sinterklaas visit to Maris Stella is an annual happening organized by the Clown Doctors of Aruba; clown Chunchi was present to provide added joy to the visit.



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Giordano remains suspect, investigation will continue to its conclusion

ORANJESTAD -- We are disappointed in today's decision of the High Court, which upheld the Investigating Magistrate's decision not to extend the detention of Gary Giordano. While we believe the circumstances warranted his detention, we respect the court's ruling.

We want to emphasize that Mr. Giordano remains our prime suspect, and we are continuing to devote significant resources to the ongoing investigation not only here in Aruba but also in the U.S., with the continuing cooperation of the FBI.

We understand that this will be very disappointing for the Gardner family! We sympathize with them. They can rest assured that we are committed to pursuing this matter to its conclusion, and know our entire government shares that commitment. We will leave no stone unturned in our determined efforts to solve this disappearance and, if the evidence warrants, we will bring the responsible person or persons to justice.

*From:
The Prosecutor's Office*

Union leaders and employees willing to wait a bit longer!

ORANJESTAD -- Last week in a meeting with union leaders of the FTA and SVGA and a group of employees, they heard from Minister of Social Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer exactly what the situation was and is with respect to their overdue request for salary revisions and adaptation.

According to Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, the meeting was a pleasant one and that the employees and the unions now understand perfectly what has transpired thus far and what needs to be done to comply with the employee requests.

Among the reasons cited for the incredibly long wait to find a solution, is the long list of promotions, salary revisions and adjustments of a group of 25 employees working for the Stichting voor Verstandelijk Gehandicapten Aruba. This foundation operates schools and centers for the care of physically and/or mentally challenged citizens.



The employees decided to visit the Minister to get first hand information regarding the process with respect to their request for salary revisions. The process has taken an eternity, in some cases almost 9 years! It is understandable that these employees have run out of patience. The Minister assured the employees that she has been working on the matter since the beginning days of her tenure as Minister, but that she has had to begin from scratch as there was no previous doc-

umentation on file relative to their situation.

A special commission was instituted with a representative of her ministry to propell the process forward, which indeed has been in the works for too many years.

During the process, the government was charged with reviewing the situation of each individual employee. Each position and salary scale had to be analyzed to determine whether the function and/or salaries were correct or

needed to be actualized and as from which year. This, according to the Minister was a huge task, but that they have finally completed that exercise.

The Minister indicated that there is the need of 1 million Aruban florins to be able to pay SVGA so that they can comply with the adaptations, adjustments and revisions of the salaries of the employees.

However, according to Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, the amount of 1 million Aruban florins has not been

budgeted for 2011's island budget. The intention is to include this sum in the new 2012 budget. She assured the group of employees and their unions, that as soon as Parliament approves the new budget and this amount, the Department of Finances will begin paying the employees what they are due.

Both the FTA union and the employees in attendance at the meeting expressed their understanding for the situation and their satisfaction for being informed as to what were the bottlenecks.

Minister Winklaar-Hooyboer expressed her sincere regret that this situation took this long to be resolved, especially in view of the fact that the employees of this foundation is doing such a fabulous job caring for a group of very special people in our community. But, she said, we are happy now that we are finally going to comply within just a very short time more.

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Flood of sanctions fails to halt Syrian bloodshed

DAMASCUS (AFP) - The embattled regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad yesterday pressed on with a deadly crackdown on dissent even as a flood of fresh sanctions further isolated Damascus.

Activists said 12 civilians were killed by Syrian forces in the flashpoint provinces of Idlib and Homs, while in the southern Daraa province, cradle of eight months of anti-regime unrest, a blast killed seven security forces.

The latest violence came as the world's largest Islamic body, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, urged Syria to cooperate with the Arab League and allow a team of observers to visit the country.

The League imposed sanctions on the Damascus regime Sunday after it defied an ultimatum to accept observers under a plan to halt the crackdown which the UN says has killed more than 3,500 people since mid-March.

After emergency talks on Syria, a statement by the OIC urged Damascus to "immediately stop using excessive force against civilians" and to "respond to the decisions of the Arab League."

Speaking after the meeting OIC chief Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu said the group "urged Syria to stop violating human rights and to allow Islamic and international human organisations access to Syria."

Turkey, following the lead



A Syrian military tank patrols the flashpoint city of Homs

of Arab states, also announced yesterday a raft of sanctions against Syria winning praise from Washington which said the action will further isolate Assad's embattled regime.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmed Davutoglu announced the sanctions including an immediate ban on all transactions with the Damascus government and central bank and freezing all Syrian state assets in Turkey.

Similar measures would also be taken against "some

well-known businessmen who are strong advocates of the Syrian regime," he said, adding that sanctions will also include a ban on Syrian officials visiting Turkey.

The Arab League, which suspended Syria's membership in November, approved unprecedented sanctions against Syria including a freeze on government assets, suspending cooperation with Syria's central bank and halting funding for projects in the country.

Police dismantle protest camps in LA, Philadelphia

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Police cleared out Occupy camps yesterday in Los Angeles and Philadelphia, arresting at least 250 people as authorities clamped down on months of anti-Wall Street protests, but the crippled movement vowed to carry on.

The latest evictions followed action in recent weeks against encampments in cities across the United States including Dallas, New Orleans, Oakland, Portland, and New York, the cradle of a now-global movement.

Police arrested more than 200 protesters in downtown Los Angeles in a Wednesday morning raid that cleared out hundreds from the two-month old encampment, police spokesman Lorenzo Quezada said.

"All of the arrests were for misdemeanor failure to disperse an unlawful assembly," he told AFP.

Many voluntarily left the camp, Quezada said, while authorities cleared away "tents, debris, miscellaneous, and personal items" in an operation in-

volving some 1,200 police.

The tent settlement in Los Angeles was one of the biggest among many that have sprung up across the country to protest financial inequality, corporate greed and the influence of big business on government.

Occupy Los Angeles remained defiant.

"Occupy LA will not die. We will move forward and the Occupy movement will only become stronger as a result of his punitive action," spokesman Mario Brito told reporters.

"We feel the pain of being evicted from what was our home for 60 days, but it does not compare to the pain of millions of Americans who are being evicted from their homes by greedy banks."

The movement now finds itself in a precarious position, with permission to overnight in public spaces being rapidly curtailed as many cities including New York restrict protest permits to daylight hours.

"If anything, (the movement) has gotten much stronger," said one protester who identified himself as Joel at the camp just two blocks from the White House in Washington.

"There's nothing they can do to stop the momentum of this thing," he said.

The movement is "still based around a central idea. We're not going to go away because of the shutdown of a camp."

Rescued killer whale starts new life in Spain

MADRID (AFP) - A female killer whale captured in the North Sea began a new life in the Canary Islands yesterday after being flown over from The Netherlands.

Morgan the whale arrived to join five other killer whales on the Spanish island of Tener-

ife, Javier Almunia, one of the directors of the foundation that runs conservation projects at the wildlife park, told AFP.

Almunia said Morgan, who was found last year in the sea off The Netherlands, was believed to have fallen sick after getting separated from her family.

Killer whales cannot survive alone, for only by hunting in a group are they able to swoop on shoals of herrings and eat enough to nourish them, he explained.

Morgan was malnourished when she was found in June 2010 in the Wadden sea off the Netherlands and taken to a dolphinarium. After being fattened up there for a year, she

became too big for her pool.

Environmental groups wanted Morgan to be released into the sea and took the case to court, but on November 21 an Amsterdam court ruled that the whale stood no reasonable chance of surviving in the wild and authorised her transfer.

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Austerity endangers Europe's military ambitions

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Years of austerity are stifling Europe's defence ambitions: anti-piracy warships are lacking off Somalia, riot police are stretched in Kosovo and not one EU military doctor can be found to go to Uganda.

Drastic cuts in defence spending over the past years are making it harder for the European Union to maintain military operations, officials warn, seriously denting a bid to build a common security policy.

"We have a real problem in Europe. We are not able to generate what we need for our missions," said a senior EU official.

Strategic differences and a lack of willingness have also held up the EU common defence and security policy, with Britain preferring to work within NATO and opposing efforts backed by France, Poland and Germany to open an EU military headquarters.

Dwindling budgets, exacerbated by the economic crisis, are forcing European governments to shed national pride and team up with neighbours in order to maintain military might or relevance.

EU defence ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday agreed to cooperate in 11 projects in various fields such as air-to-air refuelling aircraft, aircraft pilot training, and surveillance and reconnaissance assets.

The conflict in Libya, while a resounding success for the NATO alliance, was fraught with harsh examples of the EU's deep military shortcomings even though Europeans led the fight.

European air forces quickly ran short of munitions, forcing the United States to fill the gap, while the US military provided three-quarters of critical air-to-air refuelling aircraft and reconnaissance flights.

In a stark illustration of the yawning gap between the United States and Europe, EU governments can field 42 air-to-air refuelling aircraft, compared to 650 US airborne tankers.

Top US defence officials have scolded European allies for cutting their military spending, bluntly telling them that they will no longer be able to rely on the United States as Washington faces its own dose of austerity.

US President Barack Obama also made it clear during a visit to Australia earlier in November that Washington's strategic concerns were increasingly shifting to Asia.

Two million strike in Britain over pension changes

LONDON (AFP) - Up to two million public sector workers in Britain went on strike yesterday over changes to their pensions, after the government responded to slashed growth forecasts with fresh spending cuts.

In what unions said was the biggest walkout in decades, thousands of schools were shut, hospitals operated with minimum staffing levels and local authorities were paralysed.

Thousands of workers marched through central London and Manchester, north-west England, during the 24-hour strike. However, fears of long delays at London's Heathrow airport, one of the world's busiest air passenger



Public service union demonstrators take part in a protest march in Leeds, northern England.

hubs, failed to materialize as most immigration officials turned up for work.

Ferry ports and cross-Channel rail services linking Britain to continental Europe, also operated largely as normal.

The strike is the biggest test so far of Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative-Liberal Democrat government, which sparked the unions' fury by making public sector workers pay more into their pensions and work longer.

Anger rose further on Tuesday when finance minister George Osborne targeted the pay of teachers, nurses and soldiers and revealed plans to cut an extra 300,000 public sector jobs as he sharply reduced Britain's growth forecasts.

Osborne infuriated the unions by announcing a new two-year, one-percent cap on public sector pay rises.

Cameron was scathing about the strike, telling parliament it had been a "damp squib" and lambasting unions for calling the action while negotiations on pensions were ongoing.

The prime minister insisted that reforms to public sector pensions were "absolutely essential," and accused Ed Miliband, leader of the opposition Labour Party, of being "ir-

responsible, left-wing and weak" for refusing to condemn the strike.

The Unison union said two million workers had taken part in the stoppages, and claimed they had wider support.

Brendan Barber, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress (TUC), said the government had put the public sector "under attack" and the strike was fully justified.

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HIV spreading in Europe, but AIDS cases declining: study

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - HIV infections continued to rise in Europe in 2010, but thanks to treatment the number of cases of full-blown AIDS has dramatically declined in recent years, according to a report published.

"The new data raises concern about the continuing transmission of HIV in Europe," the World Health Organisation's Europe office and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in their joint report, published a day before World AIDS Day.

Last year, 27,116 new cases of HIV infections were reported in the European Union and European Economic Area, which is an increase of around four percent from 2009, according to the report, which stressed that statistics from Austria and Liechtenstein had not been accessible.

"In contrast, the steady decrease of AIDS cases continued in 2010 with 4,666 reported cases in the EU/EEA region," it said, pointing out that this was a drop of almost 50 percent from 2004 and stressing the importance of early HIV detection for reining in the AIDS epidemic.

According to a United Nations report published last week, a record 34 million people worldwide lived with HIV last year, while improved

treatment has meant that the number of AIDS-linked deaths has steadily dropped from a peak of 2.2 million in 2005 to 1.8 million last year.

According to that report, about half of those eligible for treatment are now receiving it, something that saved the lives of 700,000 people in 2010.

"We need to demonstrate the political courage to focus on key populations most affected by HIV and to address the issue of late diagnosis of HIV infection which often leads to delayed treatment and higher rates of AIDS-related morbidity and mortality," ECDC chief Marc Sprenger said in a statement issued by the Stockholm-based EU agency.

ECDC and WHO researchers noted that "HIV epidemics are remarkably distinct in individual countries but overall, HIV continues to disproportionately affect certain key populations."

According to the report, HIV in Europe is still mainly transmitted through sex between men, while in cases of heterosexual contact, about one third of the reported cases originates with people from countries facing general epidemics of the virus.

People who inject drugs and people who are not aware that they carry the disease make up the biggest threat of transmission, according to the report.

The head of WHO Europe, Zsuzsanna Jakab, stressed the importance of creating "tailored responses" to HIV epidemics for different areas, since the characteristics can differ significantly.

Sprenger agreed, insisting that "only the knowledge of the characteristics of the epidemic in specific regions allows for effective responses" against the spread of the disease.

China clinic blamed for hepatitis C outbreak

BEIJING (AFP) - More than 150 Chinese villagers, many of them children, may have been infected with hepatitis C by a clinic that reused old needles, state media and local authorities said Wednesday.

Nineteen people who received treatment at the privately-run clinic in central China have tested positive for the disease, which the World Health Organisation

says can lead to cirrhosis of the liver and liver cancer.

Another 98 are suspected to have been infected in Henan province, where the clinic is located, the state-run Beijing Times reported.

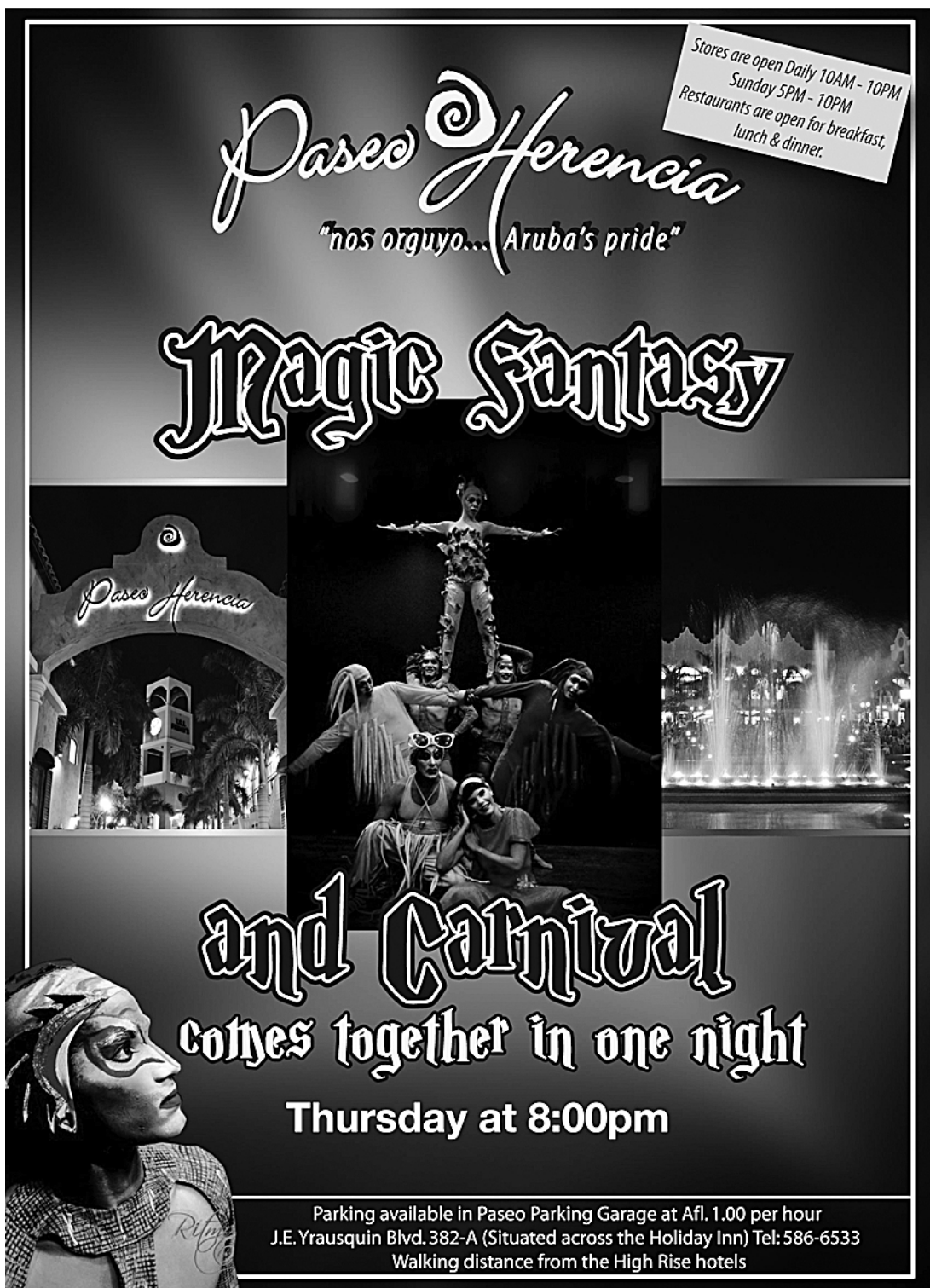
The paper quoted local officials as saying the clinic regularly reused needles, but that they were still trying to establish whether it was to blame for the outbreak.

A statement from health

authorities in neighbouring Anhui province said 43 patients who attended the clinic had been screened for the disease, and that the outbreak was "probably due to unsafe injections".

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Brazil proposes South American broadband network

BRASILIA (AFP)- Brazil this week proposed the creation of a fiber optic broadband connection network linking all South American countries to bring down the cost of Internet and cellular phone access.

Addressing his fellow South American communications ministers, Brazil's Paulo Bernardo said the goal was to build "a ring of South American fiber optic networks" linking all countries of the region.

He noted that many regional countries were communicating with each other via

the United States.

"It is an issue easy to resolve..It would cost \$60 million (45 million euros). We could do it in two years," he added. "Connection costs for South American users represent on average between 35 and 40 percent of the total price of the service," Bernardo said.

"An Internet provider in South America pays, in the best of cases, three times more for the connection than in the United States. This situation must change urgently," he

added.

The minister cited a Brazilian study indicating that a drop of four dollars in connection costs in Brazil would mean Internet access for an additional three million households.

"We have to create a South American solution for optic communication," he added.

Meanwhile, Colombia's Maria Emma Mejia, the secretary general of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), said it was important to involve the private sector in the initiative.

Facebook settles US privacy violation charges

(AFP) - Facebook has agreed to tighten its privacy policies and submit to external audits in order to settle charges that it abused users' personal data, US authorities said.

In a deal with the Federal Trade Commission, the social networking giant promised to honor users' privacy preferences and to stop making claims about the security of personal information that are untrue.

The deal settles two-year-old accusations that Facebook -- which has some 800

million users -- had allowed advertisers access to users' personal data when users were told it was being kept private.

That includes giving consumers "clear and prominent notice and obtaining consumers' express consent before their information is shared beyond the privacy settings they have established."

Facebook did not admit guilt and was not fined in the case, which arose from an investigation by privacy groups in December 2009

that it had deceived users over the protection of their personal data -- such as their name, age, location, gender and friends -- when it changed its privacy settings.

Facebook founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg said in a statement to users on the official Facebook Blog page that the company had already implemented many of the promises in the FTC settlement.

"I'm the first to admit that we've made a bunch of mistakes," he wrote.

US circus pays fines to settle animal abuse charge



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The operators of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus have agreed to pay a fine of \$270,000 to settle a probe into violations of the Animal Welfare Act for animal abuse, US officials said.

The settlement announced this week by the US Department of Agriculture "sends a direct message to the public and to those who exhibit ani-

mals that USDA will take all necessary steps to protect animals regulated under the Animal Welfare Act," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"The civil penalty and other stipulations in the settlement agreement will promote a better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of all exhibitors in maintaining and caring for animals under their care."

USDA said the penalty against circus operator Feld Entertainment covers the period from 2007 to 2011 and calls for training for all employees who work with animals, including trainers, handlers, attendants and veterinarians.

Feld Entertainment said the agreement does not admit wrongdoing or violations.


USDA requires the operators to provide their animals

with proper veterinary care, water, a balanced diet, clean and structurally sound housing that affords with enough space to move comfortably, and protection from extremes in temperature and weather.

The move comes with a proposed law in Congress that would ban using elephants under the big top, a tradition that animal rights activists say causes terrible suffering.


The bill, introduced this month in the House of Representatives by Virginia Congressman Jim Moran, aims directly at traveling circuses by seeking to outlaw exotic or wild animals from performances if they have been traveling within the previous 15 days.

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14. Reed instrument
15. "If I Could Only Win Your Love" singer
18. Mademoiselle's pronoun
19. Gets rid of wrinkles
20. Deb's headwear
23. Colorado indigene
24. Hockey legend Bobby
25. Blackbird
28. "Old Brown" (Beatles)
32. "Hurt So Bad" singer
35. Hebrew lyre
36. NYSE membership
37. "Boiler Room" actor Diesel
38. Behind, on a boat
40. Sports palace
42. Saw
45. Continent's prefix
47. "Walk on By" singer
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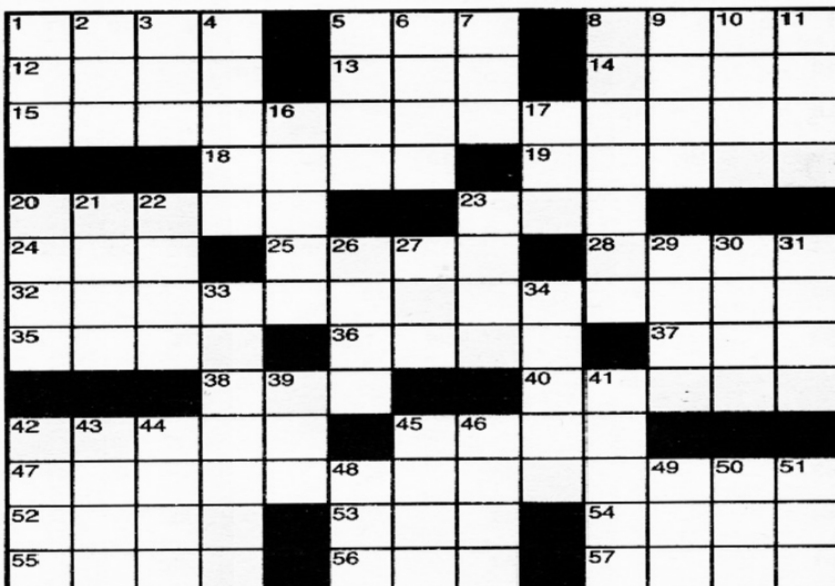
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57. Somewhat smutty
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2. "A Nightmare on Street"
3. Herbert of "The Pink Panther"
4. Laundry machine
5. Stringed instrument
6. Tec's lead
7. College cheer
8. Gump of film fame
9. River to the Mediterra-

10. Kind of chop
11. Subtraction word
16. Peruvian pack animal
17. Island in a river
20. "Welcome" (1977 Harvey Keitel film)
21. Fleur-de-lis
22. Tuscany river
23. Forelimb bone
26. Formerly
27. Lobster's coral
29. "To and to Hold"
30. Asgardian overlord
31. Lab lamp
33. TV's "Just the facts, ma'am" series

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34. Beating Beatle
39. Boggy land
41. Jock in a scull
42. Genesis man
43. Chop finely
44. Top of the heap
45. Off kilter
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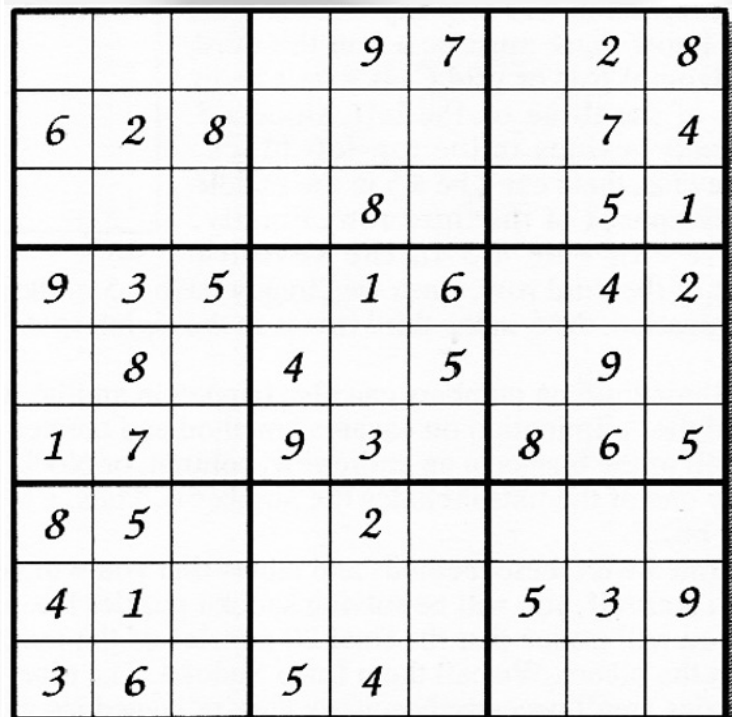
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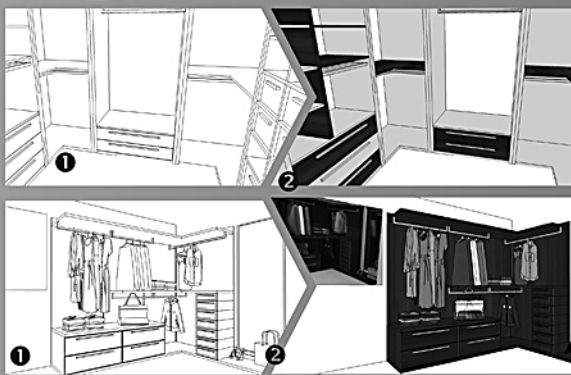
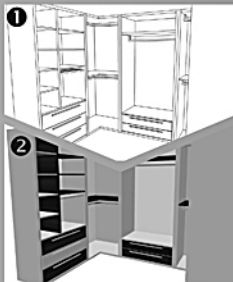
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Finance

Shares surge as central banks pump liquidity to avert crisis

LONDON (AFP) - European shares rocketed yesterday and the euro leapt above \$1.35 as leading central banks pumped liquidity into the financial system to prevent a second credit crunch linked to the eurozone debt crisis.

The European Central Bank, the US Federal Reserve and central banks in Japan, Britain, Canada and Switzerland unveiled coordinated lending action to reduce strains on financial markets.

In response, stock markets surged.

London's FTSE-100 index of leading shares finished the day up 3.16 percent at 5,505.42 points, while in Paris the CAC-40 jumped 4.22 percent to 3,154.62 points. In Frankfurt the DAX 30 ended up 4.98 percent at 6,088.84

points after having been over five percent.

Madrid climbed 3.96 percent and Milan gained 4.38 percent.

The European single currency hit a one-week peak of \$1.3533, from a level of around \$1.33 moments before the news. At 1700 GMT the euro was trading at \$1.3462, still up from \$1.3317 late on Tuesday.

European stocks had begun Wednesday by trading in negative territory as eurozone finance chiefs struggled to boost the firepower of a bailout fund for indebted members at a key gathering in Brussels on Tuesday.

But following the central banks' action, Richard Hunter, head of equities at Hargreaves Lansdown Stockbrokers, said: "The world's central banks

have shown the European area the meaning of decisive and coordinated action."

The central banks said in a joint statement on Wednesday that they were acting in a coordinated way to reduce strains on the financial markets and boost lending to businesses and consumers.

They added that they were lowering the cost of providing dollars to banks, and were engaging in "coordinated actions to enhance their capacity to provide liquidity support to the global financial system."

"The purpose of these actions is to ease strains in financial markets and thereby mitigate the effects of such strains on the supply of credit to households and businesses and so help foster economic activity," they said.

The arrangement allows the central banks to lend dollars to commercial banks that might be finding it hard to borrow them directly from other banks and is aimed at easing tensions in the crucial interbank lending market.

The banks added that they were not only reducing the cost of this operation, but also extending it until February 1, 2013.



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Netherlands	EUR	2.3682	2.3898	2.4138
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United, Continental airlines win FAA nod for single airline

WASHINGTON (AFP) - United and Continental have gained US approval to operate as a single airline in the wake of their merger that created the world's largest carrier, they announced yesterday.

United Continental Holdings said it received Federal Aviation Administration approval for a single operating certificate for United and Continental after an 18-month process of aligning the two airlines' operating policies and

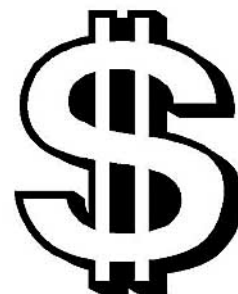
procedures.

United Continental Holdings was formed last year by the merger of United and Continental.

The two airlines will continue to operate separate websites until the company migrates to a single passenger service system in the first quarter of 2012, the Chicago-based holdings firm said.

United and Continental have more than 80,000 employees worldwide.

US Cyber Monday spending hits new high



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - US online shopping hit a record high on Cyber Monday with people racking up \$1.25 billion worth of purchases on the Internet, according to comScore.

Sales at US e-commerce sites topped last year's Cyber Monday figures by 22 percent, the industry tracker reported.

"It was just the second billion-dollar spending day on record," said comScore chairman Gian Fulgoni, noting that last year's Cyber Monday was the first time that threshold was breached.

"It will be interesting to watch the next couple of weeks to see if any future individual days in 2011 manage to leapfrog this year's highest day-to-date," he added.

The year-end holiday shopping season was starting off strong online, with US Internet shops seeing \$15 billion in sales between the start of November and Cyber Monday, according to comScore.

Cyber Monday was launched in 2005 by a US national retail association to bring online shopping into the mainstream.

As lifestyles increasingly revolve around the Internet, people are growing more comfortable with making purchases online.

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'Human Zoos' go on show in Paris



PARIS (AFP) - The story of men, women and children plucked from their homes in the West's colonies and exhibited like zoo animals is the focus of a major show that opened this week at Paris' tribal arts museum.

"Exhibitions: the invention of the savage", at the Quai Branly museum, shows how up until the mid-20th century, labelling indigenous peoples of Africa, Asia, Oceania and America "savages" helped to justify the brutality of colonial rule.

Former football star Lilian Thuram, who was born on the French Caribbean island Guadeloupe, is chief curator of the show. He told AFP he was stunned by a visit to Hamburg zoo in Germany.

"At the entrance there are animal sculptures, but also

ones of Indians and Africans - letting visitors know they are going to see not just animals but human beings as well," he said. "They are still there today."

In 1931, the grandparents of another French footballer, Christian Karembou, were put on display at the Jardin d'Acclimation in Paris, then in Germany, along with around 100 other New Caledonian Kanaks, cast as "cannibals".

From the Indians brought back to Spain by Christopher Columbus after 1492, until the end of the 18th century, the first wave of shows involved indigenous people seen as exotic or monstrous, shown to a limited European elite.

But the phenomenon expanded massively from the early 19th century on, when South Africa's Saartje Baart-

man, known as the "Hottentot Venus", was exhibited in London and Paris.

"We reckon that 1.4 billion people were exposed to these exhibitions of so-called 'savages', at universal exhibitions, fairs, circuses or theatres," between 1810 and 1958, said one of the curators, historian Pascal Blanchard.

Such shows took place across Europe, but also in the United States, Japan and Australia, involving some 35,000 people from the colonies, many of whom were paid for their appearance.

The show brings together some 600 artefacts from paintings to sculptures, posters and books as well as skull-measuring devices used to demonstrate the supposed superiority of whites over other peoples.

Cuban film school seeks return to free tuition



Nobel Prize winning writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez with Fidel Castro.

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS (AFP) - A prestigious film school founded by Fidel Castro and Nobel laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez is seeking a return to its roots by offering free tuition to its global students.

The new head of Cuba's International School of Film and Television, Rafael Rosal, is hoping to take advantage of its 25th anniversary to set up an international fund to help students eschew the fees.

"In the mid-1990s, when Cuba experienced its 'special period' of economic crisis after the fall of the Soviet empire, we had to start making students pay, and that changed

our profile," said Rosal, a Guatemalan, who graduated from the school when the Cuban government still paid the tuition fees.

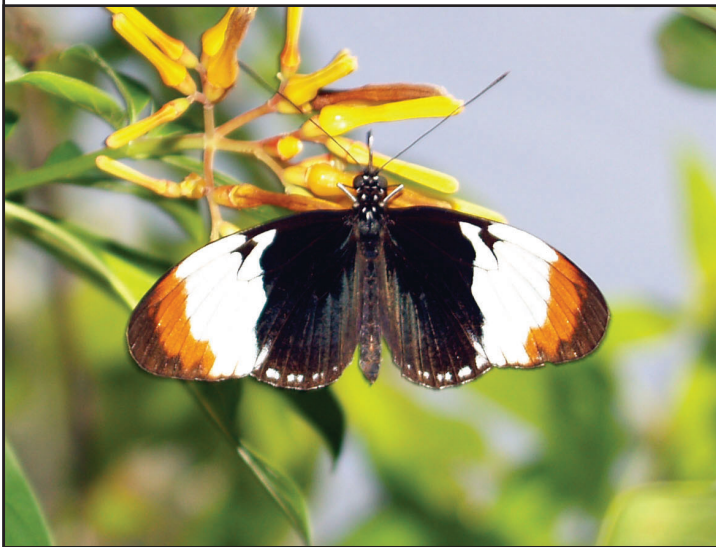
EICTV's more than 120 students pay about \$6,500 each year, while tuition remains free at Cuba's other big international schools, like the Latin American School of Medicine and the International School of Physical Education and Sports.

"One of the things that makes this school unique is that all our professors are professionals, very active cinematographers who spend two or three weeks at the school each year," Rosal said.

"We probably have the biggest teaching staff of all film schools -- up to 400 per year -- which makes it a very special place to learn for students."

The school, located just 30 kilometers (20 miles) from Havana, also grows vegetables on its 40 hectares (100 acres) to feed students, teachers and 300 staff.

Aruba's Butterfly Farm - as fascinating as ever



Among Aruba's many repeat visitors you will find that those in the know are dedicated fans of the Butterfly Farm located between The Westin Aruba and Divi Phoenix Resorts in Palm Beach. Aruba's most unusual attraction is an absolute delight and your first visit will convert you to a butterfly fanatic as well.

A setting of tropical flowers and classical music is the perfect backdrop to observe nature's magnificent artistry in action. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with tours conducted every half hour throughout the day

- the last at 4:00 p.m. - the Butterfly Farm is educational and enlightening, as well. It is the perfect place to enjoy these brilliant hues wonders of nature. The purchase of a ticket at the beginning of your stay allows unlimited return visits until departure.

The staff kindly provides a guide to identify the various exotic species from around the world and there are at least 200 butterflies fluttering around, drinking nectar, or relaxing in the shade. The farm also imports pupae, so often you can see the butterflies breaking out of their chrysalis or perhaps the largest such creature, the Atlas Moth, fresh from its cocoon. This amazing insect lives only five days, so be on the lookout for this rare treat!

Aside from the inventory of live butterflies, the farm houses a gift shop which boasts the largest collection of butterfly souvenirs, jewelry and knick-knacks to be gathered in one place. If you are a fan of anything with butterflies, you are bound to find a beautiful memento of your visit, or a treasured gift.

Steak on a Stone-Le Petit Café's specialty

In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price, but quality, quantity and ambiance.

Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting. In Oranjestad, diners can enjoy a breathtaking view of the harbor; particularly as the sun dips over the horizon and the lights of town set the waters aglow. Taking advantage of their Early Bird Special not only offers a great price for a delicious meal, but put you in the right place at the right time to enjoy Aruba's most spectacular daily performance; our stunning sunsets.

The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a choice of soup or salad as a starter, and ice cream for dessert, all for a modest \$21.50; an unbeatable price for a great meal on Aruba!

Cooking your main course on the stone is a supremely healthy method of preparation, seasoned to perfection and using no fats or oils. Fish in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of



Fish on a Stone

pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the

best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable value!

Le Petit Café is also located in the Paradise Beach Villas, so whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!



(AFP)- A panda eats bamboo at the research base for giant panda breeding in Chengdu, the capital of China's southwestern province of Sichuan on November 22, 2011. The two pandas -- whose identities are top secret -- are due to move to France as part of China's so-called "panda diplomacy", a process taken seriously in a country where the endangered black and white bears are treated as national treasures

SPORT

New abuse claims against coach



PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Former Penn State University assistant American football coach Jerry Sandusky sexually abused a boy more than 100 times, according to a lawsuit filed on Wednesday.

Sandusky faces charges of abusing eight boys over 15 years in criminal court but the first lawsuit filed in the scandal raised new allegations against Sandusky, who allegedly threatened the victim's family to coerce his silence.

Lawyer Jeff Anderson said the alleged victim was not among the eight boys who were mentioned in a grand jury report that led to charges against Sandusky, but added the man had filed a report to law enforcement officials on Tuesday.

Penn State and The Second Mile, a youth charity group founded by Sandusky, were also named with Sandusky as defendants in the lawsuit. The alleged victim said he knew Sandusky through the charity program.

The lawsuit claims the man, now 29 and identified only as John Doe, was abused by Sandusky from 1992 through 1996, when he was 10 to 14 years old, at the coaches'

home, in a Penn State locker room, at a post-season bowl game and on trips to Philadelphia.

"I am hurting and have been for a long time because of what happened, but feel now even more tormented that I have learned of so many other kids were abused after me," the plaintiff said in a statement released by Anderson.

Sandusky has admitted to showering with young boys and has denied molesting anyone.

The scandal led to the firings of university president Graham Spanier and legendary gridiron coach Joe Paterno.

Athletic Director Tim Curley, who was put on administrative leave, and Gary Schultz, who stepped down as the Penn State vice president in charge of the school police department, are charged with lying to a grand jury and failing to report child sex abuse to authorities.

Anderson took aim at institutional failures.

"We need to address the institutional recklessness and failures," Anderson said. "Was it because of power, money, fear, loyalty, lack of education?"



British and Commonwealth champion Dereck Chisora (L) and Finnish heavyweight boxer Robert Helenius pose on November 30, 2011 during a press conference in Helsinki ahead of their December 3 European Heavyweight Title fight at the Hartwall Arena in the Finnish capital.
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Sport in oil-rich Qatar - a ruling family affair

DOHA (AFP) - Qatar's booming sports industry is run by a handful of men and women from the Gulf state's ruling Al-Thani family, the success of which is fuelled by money and an eye for recruiting foreign talent.

The crown prince and son of the current Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, is the driving force behind the transformation of the sandy and barren country with a population of just over 1.7 million into a world-class hub for major sports events.

Appointed in 2001 to head Qatar's Olympic Committee (QOC), Al-Thani is also a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and holds the top position on several sports committees and federations in Qatar.

NBA players can start practicing

Starting Today, NBA players will be granted access to team practice facilities. This marks the first access the players have had since they were locked out by the owners on July 1.

The owners and players reached a tentative agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement on Nov. 26, but there are still hurdles to clear before the agreement becomes official. Therefore, even though players will have access to team facilities, a few limitations will remain in place.

First, front office and coaching staffs will not be able to direct or observe player workouts. Teams can provide an athletic trainer and strength and conditioning coach to

The 31-year-old is chairman of the organising committee of the 2022 World Cup, the head of the 2020 Olympic Games bid committee, and founder and director of Qatar Sports Investment (QSI), a company created to finance investment in sports in Qatar and abroad, which last summer became majority shareholder in French club Paris Saint-Germain.

Al-Thani's older brother, Jassim, is one of his closest advisors.

His mother, Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, heads the Qatar Foundation, which became the first ever kit sponsor of FC Barcelona and recently won a five-and-a-half year shirt sponsorship deal worth 171 million euros (\$227m), touted as the largest in football history.

Al-Thani is known for

choosing western-educated and multilingual managers to lead the various sports entities he presides over, including Hassan Al-Thawadi, Secretary General of the Supreme Committee of Qatar 2022, businesswoman Noora Al Mannai, CEO of Qatar's 2020 Olympic bid committee, and Sheikh Saoud Bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, QOC Secretary General.

To head QSI, Al-Thani chose National Tennis Federation president and Al-Jazeera's sport chief Nasser Al-Khelaifi, who has subsequently become president of PSG.

Qatar's Olympic committee serves as the country's sports hub. The local sports federations depend on it, as do football clubs and national teams.

The sports institutions are chaired by locals, but daily operations are left primarily to the more qualified expatriates.

Qatar's football league, under pressure to perform in light of the country's successful bid to host the 2022 World Cup, is coached almost entirely by foreigners, with Brazilian Sebastiao Lazaroni in charge of the national side.

Thirteen of the 14 first division teams have foreign coaches, including Frenchmen Belmadi, Alain Perrin, Bruno Metsu and Bernard Simondi.

All of Qatar's sports federations look beyond the Gulf state's borders for the expertise that this young nation is lacking within.

At Aspire, the country's leading sports academy, the Qatari sporting stars of tomorrow are put through their paces amid world-class facilities, but their coaches are all foreign nationals.

work with the players in the weight rooms and administer physicals, but neither can run drills with players on the court.

Because the CBA isn't official, players will be required to sign an insurance waiver before working out at team facilities.

Training camp is scheduled to open Dec. 9, lasting 16 days, with the regular season kicking off on Christmas Day. Each team will play just two preseason games during that stretch.

In addition to practice facilities being available, owners, general managers and coaches are able to comment on the status of their teams, players and potential activity in free agency for the first time since the lockout began.

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Fencing introduced to International School of Aruba

Recently, at the International School of Aruba (ISA) a special training was given by certified trainer of the International Federation of Fencing (FID), Rudolf De Kort.

During this 5-week long training/introduction, the sport of Fencing was introduced to the school. The youngsters learned about the sport of Fencing, its techniques and basic strategies to practice the sport in a secure and safe manner.



Fencing, is a family of combat sports using bladed weapons. Fencing is also featured at the Olympic Games.

Trainer de Kort was very satisfied with the outcome, the interest and enthusiasm among the students for the sport was great.

The students whom received their certificates were: Victoria van Boelen, Jordan Markus, Joshua Derrickson, Isabelle Ventura, Tiara Muyale, Carlos Luis Cano, Dev Bathia, Savannah Kock, Vita Juliao, Margarita Hoffmann, Yusef Moualli, Krish Tilokani, Jonah Juliao, Dhruva Chatlani, Rishi Bhatia and Lorenzo Hoffmann.

To be able to continue practicing this sport the International School of Aruba in cooperation with SV La Fama Musketeers.

All funds will go towards acquiring the much needed Fencing gear and equipment needed to practice this beautiful sport.



Musketeers are organising a fundraising tournament on Saturday, December 3, among the students of ISA and SV La Fama Musketeers.

All parents, family and fans and everyone else who supports the Sport of Fencing or

children in sports in general are invited to come and have a great day, there will be lots of food and drinks, and some great competitions among the youngsters. All this while supporting a good cause.

In the afternoon there will be an Adult Open Class competition.

The action kicks off from 9:30am at the International School of Aruba!

Jaguars being sold to Pakistan-born businessman



JACKSONVILLE (AFP) - Jacksonville Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver said he is selling the National Football League team to Pakistani-born businessman Shahid Khan.

Weaver said that he signed the deal after running it past

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, aware that the league's finance committee must review the sale and the full ownership board must vote to approve the sale.

"This was not about money. This was about continuing the legacy that we have started."

Weaver, who founded the Jaguars as an expansion team in 1995, said he expects the deal will be approved in early January and that Khan will keep the team in Jacksonville, although no such assurance was written into the contract.

"It's hard to write something to say you are going to force somebody to keep something here," Weaver said.

Weaver said Khan plans to

purchase a home in Jacksonville and guide the team's operations from there.

Khan, who was born in Pakistan in 1950 and moved to the United States as a teenager, worked in a small auto parts garage while earning an engineering degree at the University of Illinois, then opened his own small business.

"This gentleman is absolutely the American story," Weaver said. "He came to this country from Pakistan... he has factories worldwide and is one of the major producers of parts for all of the major automobile companies."

Khan, who had shown interest in purchasing the St. Louis Rams when they were for sale,

was a dream come true for Weaver, who at 77 said he looks forward to enjoying free time and travel without watching over the Jaguars.

"The main motivation for that exit strategy was to find someone who had the same passion for the NFL and for Jacksonville that we did," Weaver said. "He wanted to buy a team and he wanted to do it in Jacksonville. He welcomes the opportunity and the challenge to build a championship team here."

The announcement came the same day the Jaguars fired coach Jack Del Rio after a 3-8 start to his ninth season in the post.

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The spot light is on Aruba's Renald Thiel - aspiring Bowling star



Renald with coaches

Taco Bell Aruba, a favorite fast food restaurant among Aruban youth, has decided to sponsor the young Renald Thiel who is an aspiring Bowling giant on his way to becoming a star of this sport.

Who is Renald Thiel anyway? Renald was born on April 24, 1999, and is currently attending the Maria College Mavo. Renald has always been in sports. When he was 4 years of age he began practicing Baseball. At the age of 6 he got his first lesson on Bowling. Since 2005, Renald began playing Bowling in earnest and with much success. He has already participated in a number of national tournaments for which he has obtained the title of first place winner in his age cate-

gory.

Today, Renald practices twice weekly with the support of his Dad, Randy. His coaches are Astrid Thiel and Rita Lopez-Henriquez.

Since 2005 Renald has been participating very successfully in different national and International tournaments. Renald's two aunts, Dolores Thiel and Astrid Thiel have always been very active in Bowling. Dolores and Astrid have also participated in various national and international Bowling tournaments. Dolores participated in the Pan American tournament in Mexico. Astrid happens to be one of the only two Aruban females to have thrown a perfect score of 300 points in Bowling.

Astrid Thiel, together with Rita Lopez-Henriquez are Renald's trainer and coach. Renald is preparing for a trip to Orlando to participate in a Kegel camping exercise to be given by a Bowling professional.

Taco Bell is the proud sponsor of Renald and wishes him much success in his Bowling career.

Here is a list of Renald's achievements since 2005:

Halloween Bowling: 2005 – 1st place, 2009 – 1st place, 2010 – 1st place.

Youth League E.P.B.C.A: 2007 - Sub Champion.

Youth League International: 2008 – 1st place INDIVIDUAL, High Score, 2nd place - TEAM,

3rd place - ESCALERA, 2009 – 1st place DOBLES, 2nd place Escalera, High Score, 2nd place TEAM.

Major and Minor WAR on OIL: 2008 King of SHARK – 1st place, 2009 – 1st place SCORPION Team, 1st place CHEETAH Team, 1st place CAMELEON Team, 1st place SHARK Team, 1st place VIPER Team, King of SCORPION (1st place Individual), King of Shark (1st place Individual)

'Himno y Bandera': 2008, 1st place, 2009 1st place, 2010 1st place, 2011 Medal for Participation, 2011 1st place - Medal for Participa-



Renald's trophies

tion.

Yvonne Webb Tournament: 2009 – 1st place, Medal for participation.

St.Croix Youth International: 2010 – 1st place doubles girls/boys, 1st place - all event boys, 1st place - high game boys, 1st place - high series boys, 1st place singles

girls/boys – 1st place escalera boys.

Arbas National Tournament: 2011 -1st place.

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